

### **REMARKS**

This amendment is presented in response to the examiner's request for an "all-encompassing" amendment in accordance with 37 CFR 1.173. Claims 1-13 were patented in U.S. Patent No. 6,026,372, of which this application is a reissue application. Claims 14-55 were added in a preliminary amendment filed with this reissue application. During prosecution of this reissue application, claims 1, 7, and 14-22 were amended one or more times and claims 23-55 were canceled as being drawn to non-elected method claims. All amendments are shown relative to the originally issued claims in U.S. Patent No. 6,026,372, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.173. As a result, claims 1-22 remain pending and were indicated as reciting allowable subject matter during a telephone conversation with the examiner on July 19, 2007.

### **Assignee Consent**

Assignee consent is not required because the instant application was never assigned. Thus, John Savage, the inventor, retains sole ownership of the instant application.

### **Supplemental Reissue Declaration**

A supplemental Reissue Declaration was submitted on July 30, 2007.

### **Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-22: Pending

Claims 23-55: Canceled

### **Conclusion**

This amendment brings the instant application into conformance with 37 CFR 1.173 and 37 CFR 1.175. As a result, the applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. No fees are believed due. However, the Director is authorized to debit deposit account no. 13-2855 of Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP for any required fees.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned Agent.

Respectfully submitted,

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